

Amendment

In the specification:

At page 16, beginning at line 1, please amend Table I as follows:

Table 1: Sequence of PCR primers used in the RT/PCR experiments

Primer	Gene	Sequence
RSPAF	Rat SP-A	5'CCTCTTCTTGACTGTTGTCGCTGG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 1)
RSPAR	Rat SP-A	5'GCTGAGGACTCCCATTGTTTGCAG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 2)
RSPBF	Rat SP-B	5'GGAGCTAATGACCTGTGCCAAGAG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 3)
RSPBR	Rat SP-B	5'CTGGCCCTGGAAGTAGTCGATAAC3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 4)
RSPBR2	Rat SP-B	5'AAGTACTGTGTAACGCTCAGCCAG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 5)
RSPCF	Rat SP-C	5'GATGGAGAGCCCCACCGATTACTC3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 6)
RSPCR	Rat SP-C	5'GAACGATGCCAGTGGAGCCAATAG (SEQ. ID. NO. 7)
ROBRaF	Rat OB-Ra	5'AGTGAATGCTGTGCAGTCACTCAG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 8)
ROBRaR	Rat OB-Ra	5'CAAAGAGTGTCCGCTCTCTTTTGG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 9)
ROBRbF	Rat OB-Rb	5'GGATGAGTGTCAAGTCAACCCTC3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 10)
ROBRbR	Rat OB-Rb	5'CAGTTCCAAAAGCTCATCCAACCC3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 11)
ACTF1	Rat β -actin	5'TGTATGCCTCTGGTCGTACCAC3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 12)
ACTR1	Rat β -actin	5'ACAGAGTACTTGCGCTCAGGAG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 13)
GAPDHF	Rat GAPDH	5'GGTCGGTGTCAACGGATTG3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 14)
GAPDHR	Rat GAPDH	5'GAGATGATGACCCTTTTGGC3' (SEQ. ID. NO. 15)

A clean version of Table I is attached hereto.